

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 17, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the November 3rd meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon with a second by Ken Masters.

**LIBRARY**

The Rushville Public Library's request to expand county wide was taken under advisement on a motion by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ASSESSOR**

Assessor Mary Ann Bridges explained the Commissioners have two appointments to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Review (PTABOA Board). These appointments must represent both political parties and be level 2 or level 3 assessors unless this requirement is waived. Bridges recommends Kathy Dean and Dale Gardner to fill the positions. Mark Bacon moved to waive the level 2 & 3 requirement and to appoint Dean & Gardner to the PTABOA board. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TREASURER**

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey presented the monthly report for October. Humphrey announced that the fall tax collections increased by \$28,389.33 over the fall collections of 2014.

**SHERIFF** Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported the lowest inmate count in sometime with 33 prisoners. The sheriff and Judge Hill are meeting to formulate the plan for courthouse security.

**COVERED BRIDGES**

Commissioner Levi noted that a 3 ton limit on covered bridges may be too low. Jerry Sitton stated that after April 2015 covered bridge inspections are required every year rather than every two years. Mark Bacon moved to leave the weight limit on the covered bridges until the next bridge inspection. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS**

The Commissioners made the following annual appointments:

Alcoholic Beverage Board-Josh Dwenger. Motion by Mark Bacon seconded by Ken Masters. Veterans Service Officer-Steve Land. Motion by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion.

County Attorney-Leigh Morning. Motion by Ken Masters. Seconded by Mark Bacon.

911 Board-Ron Jarman. Ken Masters made the motion. Mark Bacon seconded the motion.

Highway Superintendent-Jerry Sitton. Motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters. There were three applications for the hospital board. They were Ron Jarman, Michael Dora, and John Byrne. Ken Masters moved to appoint John Byrne. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried. There were no applications for the EMA director, fiber board, health board lawn service or custodial service. Commissioner Levi encouraged attendee Joyce Morrell to apply for the fiber board.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

The commissioners signed the contract for health insurance that was approved for renewal in August.

### **EMS**

The emergency medical service run report that was submitted by Raleigh Fire Department for July was a duplicate. Reports were also received from Rush Memorial Hospital and Anderson Township Fire Department.

### **TAX SALE PROPERTIES**

Bruce Levi reported that Western Rush County Sewer District is interested in working with the Commissioners to resolve some tax sale properties in their district.

### **MILROY RIGHT OF WAY**

The attorney for Milroy property owners Billie Joe & Delores Ward asked if the building on the right of way could be moved. County Attorney Leigh Morning informed him that the building could be moved to the Ward's property.

Loretta Solomon and Lucille Jackman requested condemnation of a portion of Center Street in Milroy to allow access to a farm field. Attorney Morning stated that the request does not comply with the purpose of the condemnation statute.

### **WIND FARM**

Next Era Wind Farm has requested a joint public meeting of the Commissioners and County Council to consider their proposed abatement. The meeting will be conducted on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m. in the Assembly/Commissioners room of the courthouse.

### **CLAIMS**

The Auditor questioned if the EMA Director is entitled to a clothing allowance. Beard explained that a clothing allowance is a taxable benefit.

Claims were approved on a motion offered by Mark Bacon with the exception of claim #3201 to Long Lasting Designs for EMA clothing. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

Payroll claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters. Mark Bacon seconded the motion.

Ken Masters moved to adjourn. Mark Bacon offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi

Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon

Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters

Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard

Mary Ann Beard, Auditor